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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

JP-A-5-212661 corresponds with USP Re. 35, 898 and USP No. 5,347,762 submitted herewith.

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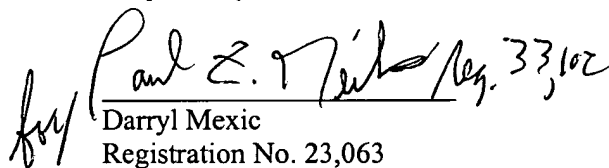
JP-A-9-253999 corresponds with USP No. 5,716,256 submitted herewith.

JP-A-3-113415 is submitted with a partial English translation.

JP-B-8-18236 and JP-A-3-149168 correspond with USP No. 5,155,940 submitted herewith.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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